

WADDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Waddell Families and Friends,

It is truly an honor to become a member of this great school community as the new principal of Waddell Elementary School. Over the last week, I have been spending a great deal of time getting to know the school's community, the building, and what makes Waddell such a unique and special school. Through my conversations, it is clear that Waddell is a place where the staff and community are committed to creating a school of academic and cultural excellence. I am looking forward to partnering with the dedicated staff and families to continue this journey.

Prior to coming to Manchester Public Schools, I completed my undergraduate and graduate studies at Central Connecticut State University and UCONN. My career in education began teaching mathematics at Pathways to Technology, a Hartford Magnet High School, and Glastonbury High School. I then became the K-12 Mathematics Supervisor in Suffield. It was during my administrative experiences working closely with the elementary schools that I realized my true passion in working with families, staff, and students at this level. Elementary schools are the foundation of a student's school experience, and it is my belief that it is this experience that is the gateway to their future success. How we inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning here will be carried with them for the rest of their lives. This is not only what inspired me to become an elementary school leader but is at the core of my belief about education.

It is my goal to provide leadership that will facilitate a school environment where instruction is meeting the needs of all students at all levels. Our educational program must be academically challenging, encourage questioning, and facilitate creative thinking. By partnering with teachers, support staff, and parents, I am confident that we will maximize our students' achievements and create a climate that is supportive to each individual child's needs.

During the course of this year, I will work hard to continue the legacy of Waddell's strong community spirit by building relationships with parents, students, staff, and community partners. You can expect to see me participating in classroom lessons, collaborating with staff, and eating lunch and playing on the playground with students. I will also be at the many different extracurricular activities such as book fairs, Movie Night, and the Science Fair. Please know that my door is always open and I welcome your input. Feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this year the best year yet!

As a reminder, the first day of school is Thursday, August 27th. I look forward to working with you and your child.

Respectfully,

Kim Loveland
Principal